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VOLUNTEER & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Hampton Waterways Restoration Project Special Meeting, Mar 24, 6:30pm at Ft Monroe Community Center, Jackie Shannon, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Oyster Restoration Efforts. Sign up at causink@hampton.gov.

Little Back River Road Cleanup, Mar 27, 3:30-5pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

School Pride In Action Committee Meeting, Apr 1, 4:15pm-5:30pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Litter Awareness Committee Meeting, Apr 2, 11:30am-1pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Tree Tour Committee Meeting, Apr 8, 5-6pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Tour de Trash, Apr 10, 9am-3:30pm. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/1x9IONr> Questions hccc@hampton.gov.

Walk Hampton Clean, Apr 11, anytime 6am-noon. Sign up at bit.ly/1wJYKF8. Questions causink@hampton.gov

HCCC Board Meeting, Apr 14, 3:30pm-5pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Ivy Home Road Cleanup, Apr 17, 3:30-5pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Litter-Free Event Volunteers, Apr 18, shifts 9:30-5pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Litter-Free Event Volunteers, Apr 18, Peninsula Pathfinders Walk, Sandy Bottom. Sign up at paparker1@cox.net.

Earth Day Stories Volunteers, Forrest ES, Apr 20-24, shifts 7:45-2pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

YARDS Contest Volunteer Judges Training, Apr 20, 10-3pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Green Fire: Life of Aldo Leopold, Apr 21, 7pm. Performing & Cultural Arts Center, 300 Butler Farm Rd. Info at hccc@hampton.gov.

North Phoebus Community Center Earth Day Cleanup, volunteers welcome, Apr 22, 3-4:30pm. Sign up at selswick@hampton.gov.

Clean & Green Businesses Committee Meeting, Apr 23, 11:30am-1pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Schools Appearance Index, Apr 25, 9am-4:30pm, lunch provided. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Environmental Expo, HCCC Display, May 2, 9:30am-3pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Earth Day Stories Volunteers, Langley ES, May 4-8, shifts 7:45-2pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

THANK YOU!

To all the volunteers who cleaned up their spots throughout January and February, we owe you a big THANK YOU! We're behind in our acknowledgment of your efforts, but we will return to specific thanks in the coming months.

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To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people's trash. ~ Bill Nye

THANKS (Con't.)

For now, let's look at what you all did together:

In January, **137** of you held **57** cleanups and picked up **141** bags of trash, including **13,155** cigarette butts in **187** hours.

In February, **178** of you held **36** cleanups and picked up **86** bags of trash, including **8,074** cigarette butts in **214** hours, despite the cold and snow!

We deeply appreciate your efforts.

Spruce Up Your Yard for Spring with Eco-friendly Lawn & Landscape Tips from askHRgreen.org

After Hampton Roads' seemingly endless winter, most everyone with a yard is ready to spruce up their outdoor spaces for spring's arrival. Now is the perfect time to get your curb appeal back in shape, and the askHRgreen.org experts encourage eager gardening enthusiasts to think green when implementing their seasonal lawn and garden plans. The following tips will help you create a landscape that's easy on the eyes—and the environment.

- ♦ **Test Your Soil.** Applying fertilizer to your lawn may not be necessary. An inexpensive soil test can help determine if fertilizer is needed and if so, how much to put down. Cutting back on fertilizer saves you money and improves local water quality. Details at www.askhrgreen.org/put-your-soil-to-the-test/
- ♦ **Plant More Plants.** Grass is better than bare dirt, but plants and trees are better than grass! Plants not only make your yard look great, they also soak up lots of stormwater runoff produced by the hard surfaces of your home. Bonus? Less grass means less mowing!
- ♦ **Choose Native Plants.** Native plants are often drought tolerant, disease resistant and perfectly suited to thrive in our climate. Because of this, they require little to no fertilizer while still providing the landscaping look you seek.
- ♦ **Clean Up Your Clippings.** Don't blow grass clippings into the road or down storm drains. Better yet, leave them right on your grass, where they serve as a natural fertilizer and help keep your lawn green without dangerous chemicals.
- ♦ **Consider Compost.** Dead limbs, grass clippings, pulled weeds – oh my! Composting is the best way to dispose of unwanted plant scraps because the byproduct is an eco-friendly source of nutrients for your soil. It will also help decrease your contributions to local landfills. Yard waste

should never go in your curbside recycling container, but may be accepted for composting at a drop-off center in your community. Find out at www.askhrgreen.org/recycling-information-by-locality/

- ♦ **Mulch Your Beds.** Mulch gives any flowerbed a uniform, finished look. But did you know that it's also eco-friendly? Mulch helps retain moisture (meaning less watering) and also controls erosion, weeds and soil temperatures.
- ♦ **Water Wisely.** Grassy lawns only need about one inch of rain per week to thrive. Use a rain gauge to determine if watering is necessary. When needed, be sure to adjust sprinklers so they are watering plants, not pavement.
- ♦ **Put Rain to Work.** The roof of your home puts off lots of rain, but you don't have to let it go down the (storm) drain. Installing a rain barrel for less than \$100 will allow you to store rainwater for all your outdoor watering needs, while reducing your property's threat to local water quality.

About askHRgreen.org

[askHRgreen.org](http://askhrgreen.org) is your go-to resource for all things green in Hampton Roads— from recycling tips and pointers for keeping local waterways clean to water-saving ideas and simple steps to make local living easy on the environment. Launched in 2011, the region-wide public awareness and education campaign is administered through the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and powered by the following members: The cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg; the counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton, Surry and York; the Town of Smithfield; and HRSD. Like askHRgreen.org on Facebook, follow on Twitter, tune in to YouTube and catch the "Let's Talk Green" blog, written by a team of local experts.

Pets for a Cleaner & Greener Hampton!

Hi, I'm Molly! I hope you'll help me & my pet friends keep Hampton Clean & Beautiful by picking up pet waste.



- ♦ **Stormwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into area waterways** – and we swim and boat in them.
- ♦ **Animal waste may contain harmful organisms** such as *Giardia*, *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, roundworms, and hookworms that other animals and humans, **including children**, can catch when they step in the waste.
- ♦ **It's the law!** Hampton requires you to pick up after your pet (see below). Even if it wasn't required, cleaning up after your pet is the **right thing to do!**
- ♦ **NO ONE likes to step in pet waste** and spread it into their home, cars, schools, and businesses.
- ♦ Scooping on a daily basis and applying lime to your lawn will **prevent odors & pests**.
- ♦ **It's easy to clean up** by carrying plastic bags and paper towels in your pocket. Newspaper sleeves and plastic shopping bags work, too! The bags can be closed or tied shut and disposed of in your regular trash.
- ♦ **Your neighbors will appreciate your good manners.**

City of Hampton Code Regarding Dog Waste

Sec. 5-8.1. Removal of dog excrement required: It shall be **unlawful** for any person owning, keeping or having custody or control of a dog to fail to remove immediately the dog's excrement from any public or private property other than property owned or occupied by the person owning, keeping or having custody or control of said dog. For purposes of this section, the phrase "property owned or occupied by the person owning, keeping or having custody or control of said dog" shall not include the common and limited common elements of condominiums or cooperatives nor property owned or maintained by a homeowner's association or by a property owner's association. Any person who shall violate this section shall be guilty of a **Class 4 misdemeanor***. (Ord. No. 1092, 7-14-93)

*Class 4 misdemeanor: a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).



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